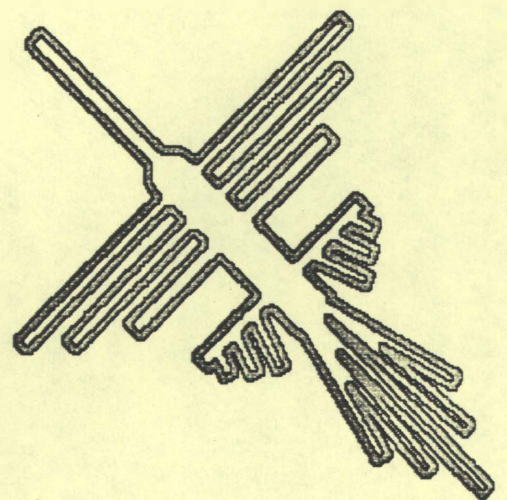
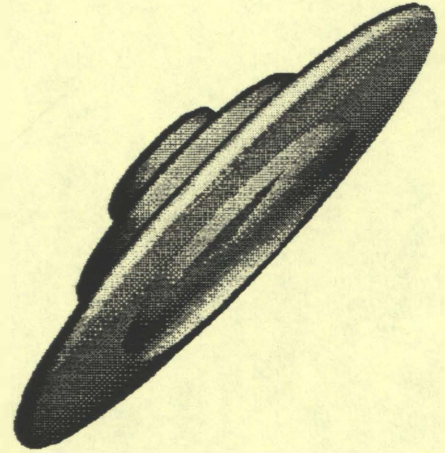
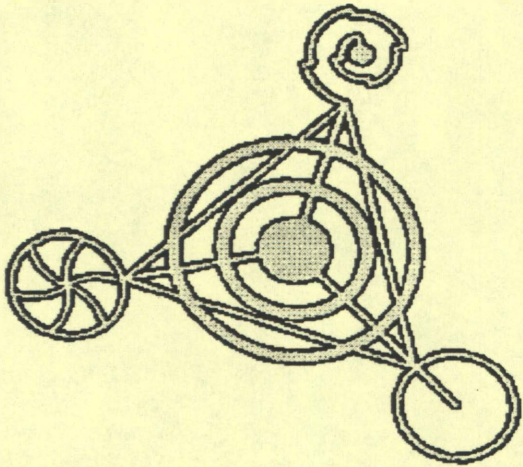

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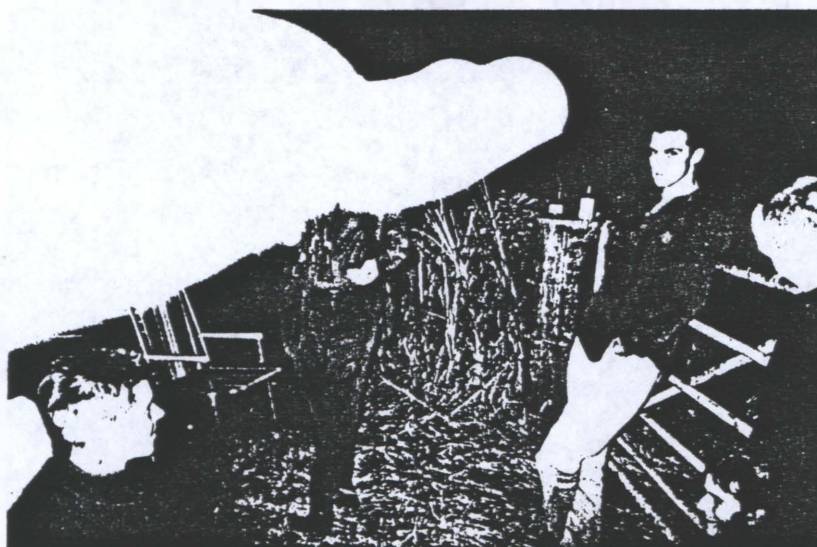
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FT's -IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

Yes, it's a fact that our local 'Flying Triangle' season could be fast approaching. Over the last two years, the local FT activity has shown a prominent increase towards the end of April and in the first few days of May. The activity has centred around the Burton-on-Trent area, with Bretby village being a particular point of focus.

Flying Triangles have been seen in the early hours of May 1st over the past two years and we cannot ignore the possibility that they may appear for the third year in succession in the same area. It has therefore been decided to hold a *Skywatch* in the vicinity of Bretby village, commencing 10.30pm on Wednesday 30th April until approx. 2am on the following morning, May 1st. *(Location details are given in this issue.)*

Readers may recollect that the last skywatch was held at Bretby, during the National Skywatch on 17th August last year. A photograph was taken during the watch and when it was processed, it showed a white 'something' passing between people on watch. (see below).



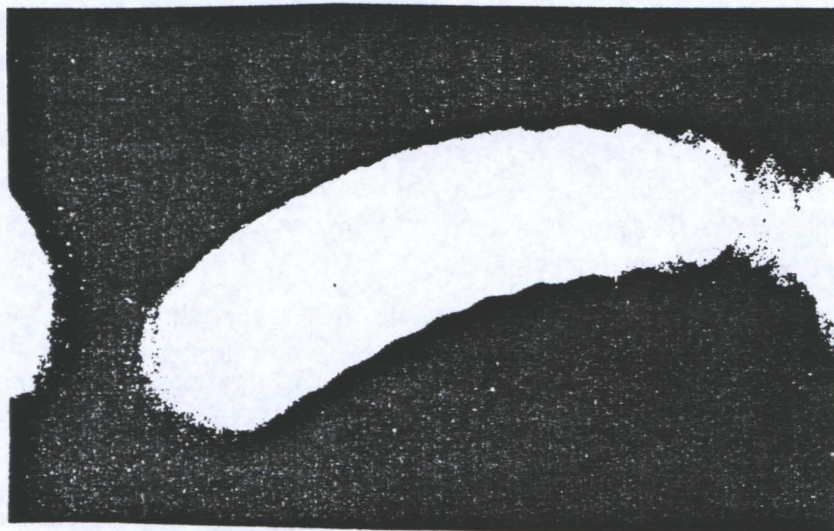
Bretby Skywatch Phenomenon 17th August 1996

It has since transpired that other groups in the U.K. and the U.S.A. have encountered a similar phenomenon in an area where there has been suspected UFO activity.

One American researcher(recently shown on video to PRA members), made the point that you need only go to an area where you suspect UFO activity is taking place and then expose a number of flash photographs. The result will be blobs of light, captured moving across the photograph.

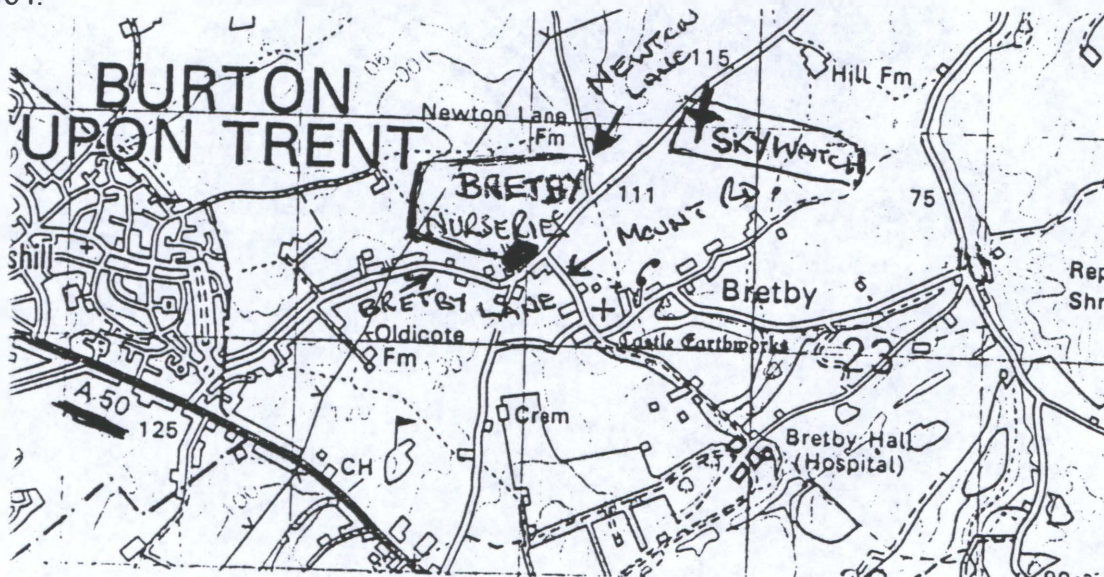
We are indebted to Joan Amos for sending us a comprehensive study of these strange lights, photographed in Southern England during 1994.

The photograph shown below, was taken by 'Geoff' of the Plymouth UFO Research Group, at Garsington, near Oxford at 5.30pm on 8/11/94. Taken with a 35mm autofocus compact camera, the photo shows a trail of multi-images, of a glowing white disc. The shape of the individual images, indicates that the object appears to have moved up directly towards the camera. It then takes an abrupt left turn across and away from the camera. A 'flash' lasts only 1/1200th of a second, which means that the mysterious object moved across in front of the camera in that split second moment of time. There was also an area of green light to the left, separate from the main light.



Geoff's Photo Oxford 8/11/94

The Skywatch site can be found by first locating Bretby Garden Nurseries on Bretby Lane. Then continue along the road (leaving the nursery on your left rear) and you will find the location 7/10 of a mile along the road. A large triangular road sign will be on the L/H side of the road. If the weather is poor, the watch will be cancelled. If in doubt, telephone 01332-761464.



In this issue, we have printed a number of contributions from our readers. These are reproduced for your interest and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Phenomenon Research Association.

A MESSAGE FROM THE E.T.'s

Related by Tanya and Mary Barrett of Andover, Hants.

We would like to tell you a little more of what we both know, which we believe is more important than the phenomena of the UFO's.

For many years my mother has been learning how the Earth was really created and what significance and role the ET's have had in this. My mother has learnt what really happened to Jesus and how wrong the Bible is in giving false information to the people of today.

My mother and I get rather annoyed when people refer to the UFO subject as being paranormal or supernatural. We both find the subject natural and quite normal and not out of the ordinary.

Both myself and my mother have had visions of future events and we are already preparing for what is about to happen.

We have learnt of future events that are going to happen to the Earth, the rising and sinking of lands, the earthquakes and the volcanic eruptions that have never been seen before.

I think that the most important message that we both want to get across to people today, is to think about the planet, to become more spiritual, to know that there is life after death and that we are all spirit and cannot die. Once people realise this and lead a more spiritual and non-materialistic life, the better the planet will be.

I believe that this is the message that the 'good' ET's are trying to get across to us. The governments all over the world are just interested in making money, having power and control over all mankind. If people are unaware and do not wake up to what is going on and what is going to happen, My God, what a final awakening there will be!

My mother and I have both been seeing vast numbers of UFO's since April 1996, but these are not usually triangular ones. These UFO's are stationary in the sky for hours on occasions and flash red, green and white. On one occasion, my mother and a friend were looking out of the window, when a white light suddenly came down from of the sky and came nearer and nearer. Then suddenly, in a second, it had shot back up into the sky. Mum feels that it was just making itself known to them, but she also felt that it was watching or monitoring them.

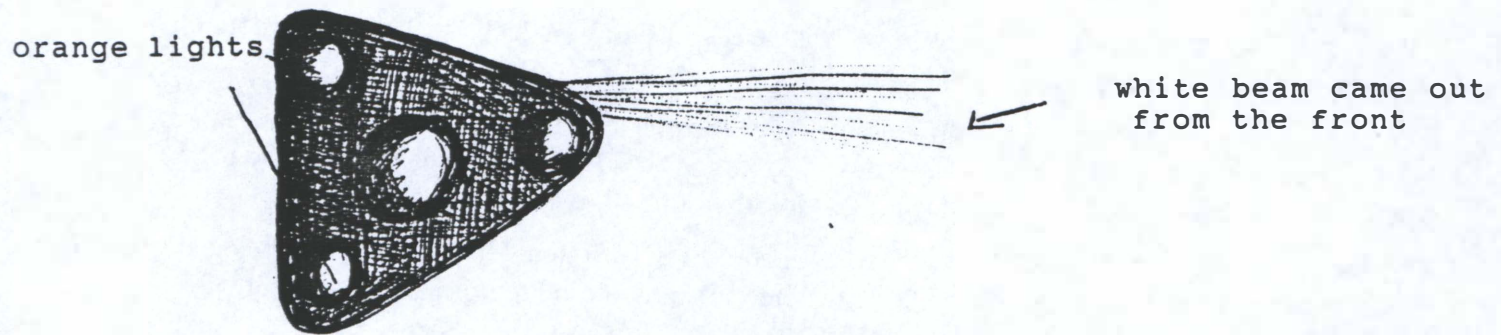
Creatures have also been seen on our estate, by two different people, both friends of ours. The first sighting was by our friends son. He got up in the early hours of the morning to go to the 'loo' and felt compelled to look out of the window. He saw what he initially thought were three big white dogs or badgers roaming around, but then what really frightened him, was when one of them stood up on its hind legs and looked around.

He described it as having a snout-like nose, pointed ears and wearing a metallic 'jump suit'. He also remembered seeing a bright white light up in the sky, which reflected off the jump suit. On another occasion, a friend saw what she described as a 'goblin-like' creature near our local

shop. It appeared to be looking for something, but a car's headlights came around the corner and the creature disappeared.

I must sign off now, there is so much to say and so little time.....

This is the triangle UFO that came over our house about 50-60ft



OPEN SKIES:OPEN MINDS

By Melanie Cunningham

"Truth is stranger than fiction" and "there are more things in Heaven and Earth...."

These are familiar words, which could not be more poignant, since we prepare ourselves to live in the twenty-first century as more enlightened men and women.

Enlightened is said with optimism, in the hope that we can become more evolved spiritually to an elevated awareness, which makes us open-minded about ourselves and our place in the Universe(s).

Science, as we know it, could be described as a type of religion, in that it holds some truths within its measurable principles, but also some distortions, manufactured by limited perception and dogma. A grand paradox of the disciples of the science-mindset, is their own philosophy purporting to work according to rational thought and provable formulas, conveniently available for 'sums' and statistics.

The same scientists quickly forget that they live mainly as emotional/spiritual beings, who over centuries, change their so-called theories like the weather. Theories are discarded, replaced or modified. Scientific papers/articles written by 'rational' disciples are often worded with phrases like 'Scientists think....' , Scientists theorise.....'. This language, clothed in all its subjectivity, contradicts the logical fact-based bedrock of science. Belief is not necessarily fact.

To modern science, words like 'God' or 'paranormal' are bordering on blasphemy and grounds for excommunication! Yet, these same disciples, who respond with chronic disapproval at such ideas, willingly, if not blindly, exist permanently in a world of stupendous unseen love and intelligence. They do not realise that they spend most or all their lives taking part in love relationships of one kind or another. This love is as real as the telescope that picks out the majesty of the night sky, or the microscope that reveals the beauty of normally invisible life-forms in a drop of sea water.

Has no one told them that love is supernatural? It can never be detected with the inappropriate tools of science. Can steam be measured with a ruler? Love exists at all times outside our five senses. Science chooses to ignore this, along with anything else breaking the 'known' laws of physics and so on.

This is why science has a mega problem with UFO's -- these objects often defy 'their' laws of motion and gravity etc. Anything that cannot be imprisoned within their compact science-Pandora's Box, assumed by them, is rejected without consideration of any alternative reality.

Science itself is man-made, quite literally. It has developed to be the false idol prostituting our spiritual, personal lives. What we perceive in terms of matter around us, is only the tip of the iceberg of a much larger reality. The evidence of our diverse human experiences, inform humankind that there exists other beings in different or higher dimensions.

UFO's must be part of this larger reality, stereotypes stifle truth, regardless of the subject. Ufology is no exception. The most common stereotype of a Ufologist, is perceived as a lone crackpot, stating that UFO's are 'flying saucers' from Mars or similar. If he is not saying that, he is preoccupied with making models on string, to fool the public.

Fraud is committed in every area of life...look at the media and politicians! Fake money can be produced. The real thing also exists, the same with gold, therapists and documents etc.

Ufology actually embraces all the sciences. Several theories are being put forward in a serious attempt to explain these unidentified objects seen in our skies. Our human minds, which cannot know everything, are trying to make sense of the mystery. At present, that is what UFO's are: unidentified, according to our limited knowledge.

IT must be remembered that it is only recently that we have become students of Space and DNA. We are so ignorant, not to mention arrogant, about life, that we do not even understand our creation in our mother's womb. Biologists do not know how the details of differentiation, concerning the individual cells of the tiny embryo.

Science is uninformed about the mystery of life, death and sleep.

Perhaps we are barking up the wrong tree in trying to categorise UFO's, i.e., who they are and where they originate. It might be healthier for us to look out of our materialistic, self-imposed bubble and recognise there is 'other-ness' out there, everywhere.

THE NOTTINGHAM 'BOGGART'

(Encountered by Frank Earp)

In 1966, when I was fifteen, I was out with two friends UFO spotting near a disused canal at Wollaton, Nottingham. It was beginning to get dusk, when I noticed the mist over the canal was rising a few inches above the canal. This was not unusual, except that a cloud about the size of a fairground 'dodgem' car was detaching itself from the rest and was solidifying into the shape of a fat doughnut, without the central hole. The object glowed inside with a strange luminescence and as we walked, it seemed to be the same distance away, although we did not see it move.

We were fascinated, but soon became afraid, as the quicker we walked and then ran, the closer it became. As we approached the edge of the village, we thought the object would follow us no further, but it showed no signs of turning back.

As we were nearly home and feeling braver, I was nominated as spokesman and was to ask it if it was 'friend or foe'. Before I got the chance to speak, I felt a tapping on my shoulder, it was my friend, who said "when I say run, RUN!"

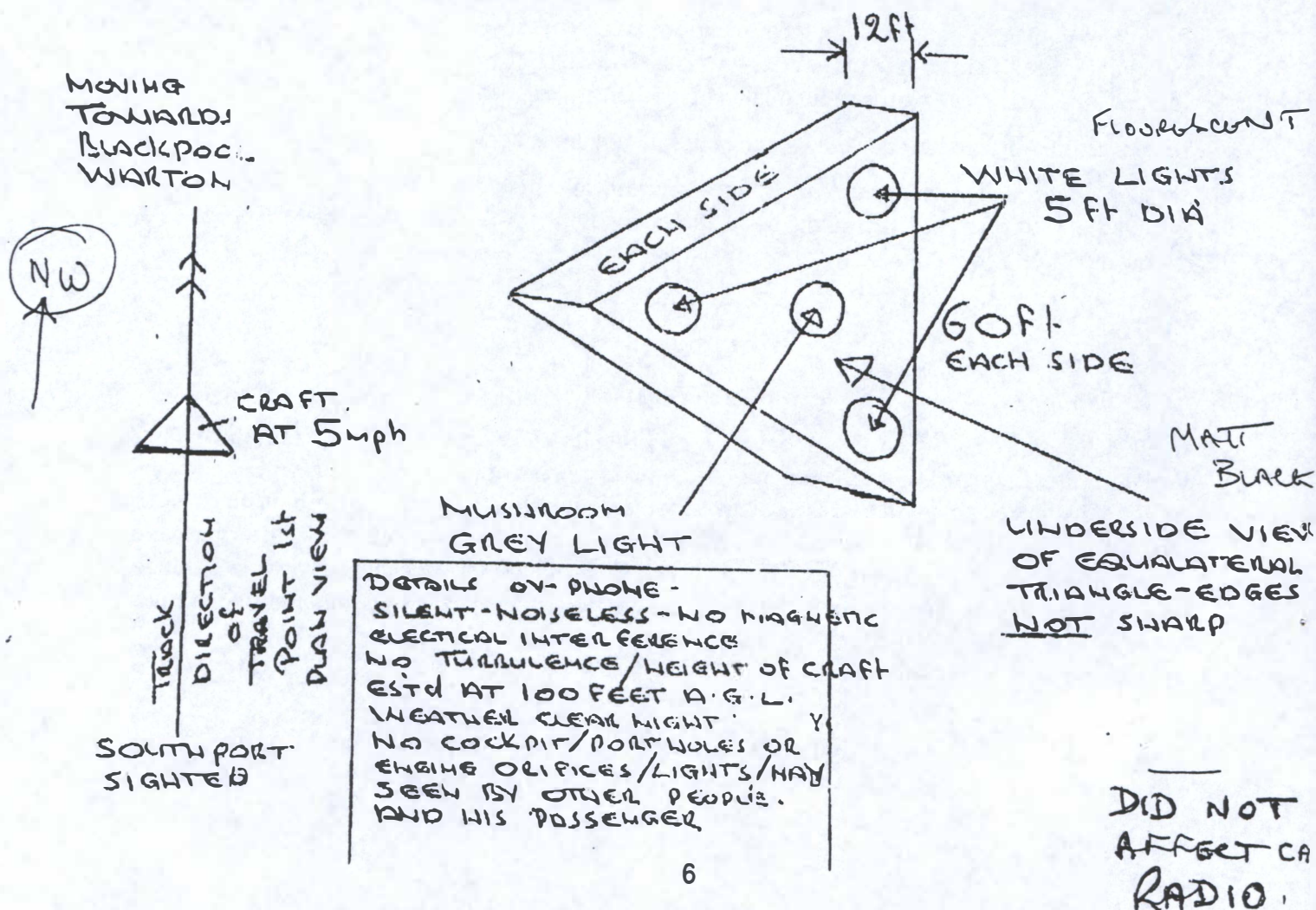
I was about to ask him why, when I looked up and saw, just feet in front of me, and silhouetted in front of the glowing doughnut, a six foot high furry creature with claw like hands. It was holding two red rods and I noticed that its feet faded into nothingness!

I didn't need to be told twice and we ran the short distance to my friends home. Once we had arrived there, we said nothing but sat down and drew and wrote down what we had seen. The reports we made, were identical for two of us, but the third boy, who was only inches away from the creature, didn't see it at all, although he did see the illuminated doughnut shaped object.

(From a report contributed by Claire Upton)

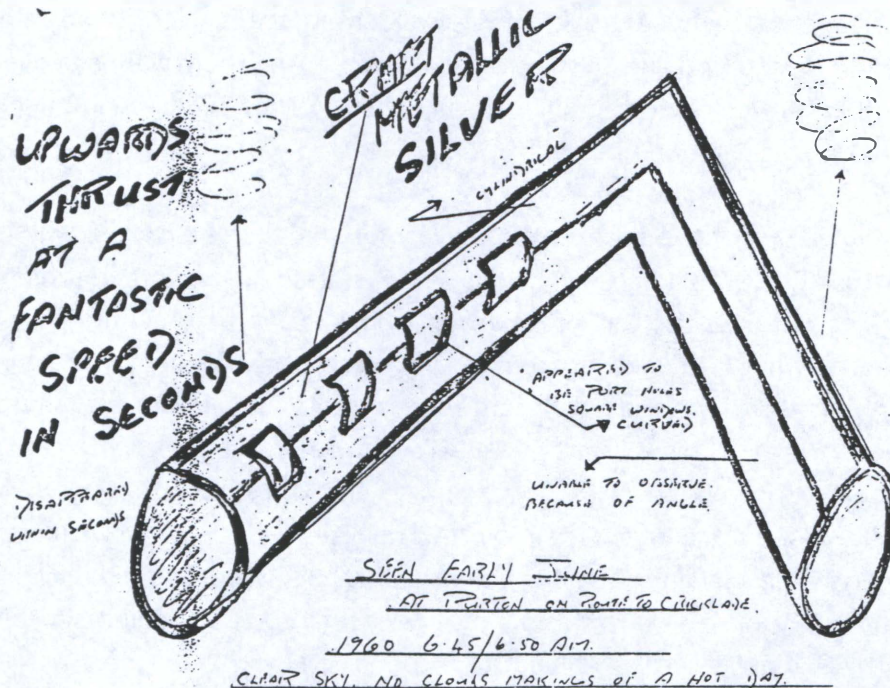
LATEST UFO REPORTS

On the 11th of March at 7.45pm, Mr Ian Wharton of Southport saw a Flying Triangle pass over at an altitude of only 100ft and heading in the direction of Blackpool. The witness estimated that the craft flew over quietly at a speed of 5mph. The weather was clear at the time of the sighting and neither the witness or his companions noticed any sign of portholes or engine orifices on the FT. The sketch made by the witness is shown below.



UFO Reports continued.....

From Mr Tommy Dunford, who relates a sighting he witnessed back in 1960 at Purton, on his way to Cricklade, Wiltshire.



Mr Dunford's sketch

On the **2nd March 97**, Jonathan Franklin of Littleover, Derby, noticed a bright 'spotlamp' in the sky. The time was 9.10pm when he and his friend were driving along Warwick Avenue. Jonathan stopped the car and the two witnesses observed that the light was hovering over Normanton Park. There were three other white lights at the 'front end' and two red lamps at the rear. The object then slowly moved forward then turned and shone the 'spotlamp' onto the ground for about ten seconds. The craft then turned and moved away out of sight. There was some speculation as to whether this could have been a helicopter, but as it was only 150/200ft away and no sound was heard, this appears unlikely.

On the **11th April 97, at 7.50pm**. A Derby student, Mr Philip Dore, saw an off white, ovoid object moving slowly across the sky. It was not illuminated, but was lighter than the sky background. It was estimated to be about a third of the size of aircraft flying overhead. Four other witnesses were nearby and all were puzzled by the appearance of the object, which made a slow steady progress across the sky (approx. 30mph). It made no sound and left no trail of any kind. It maintained the same height and did not appear to be emitting lights of any kind. The sighting lasted about a minute and was seen from the Kedlestone Road area of Derby.

From the **Stockport Advertiser: 26th February 97**. A cyclist riding along the banks of Roman Lakes watched a triangular gun-metal coloured craft hover *ominously* (?) above the lake and rotated at intervals. The man was intrigued and went nearer for a closer look, but became understandably jittery and left the scene quickly. The witness, who telephoned his story on the evening of 14th February, sounded frightened and declined to give his name.

Skywatch Diary

by Carole Baker

Well, Project Awareness' Fifth Annual Gulf Breeze Conference is over. It was a great success with around seven hundred people attending the three day event. And there were some unexpected but hoped for guests! Sightings were reported on Thursday night, March 20th and Friday night, March 21st! So, Bubba showed up to the Conference!!!

On Thursday night, one of the speakers at the Conference, Larren Warren who is co-author with Peter Robbins of the book Left at East Gate concerning the Rendlesham Forest event had a sighting. He and a friend were looking out over the Gulf of Mexico around 11:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, March 20th when they observed what Larry described to me as "a row of amber lights, three of them, with a red light off to the right side of them and a blue light next to that. The amber lights were not steady though, they were moving up and down. There seemed to be a beam of blue light come out of the blue light itself once or twice". They watched this "light show" which appeared at around ten degrees elevation, due south from Pensacola Beach for about five minutes. "Then when we looked back, it was not there". I asked Larry if he saw any planes in the area of the lights and he did not. Later that night, or rather early on Friday morning around three a.m. a witness reported seeing similar lights further to the east out over the Gulf of Mexico.

On Friday evening, after the Conference events were concluded, a group gathered on the beach near the Beachside resort to skywatch. About twenty people assembled there and at 10:15 p.m. a sighting occurred in the east south east over the Gulf. Two red lights appeared in very close proximity to each other, arranged horizontally and only about three degrees above the horizon. They glowed up very brightly, then faded down to almost nothing. Then they glowed up again, this time more amber colored than red. These lights faded down and then glowed up brightly once more. Several people had the lights sighted in their binoculars, including myself. I was able to observe the lights until the one on the right hand side rotated up and around the left hand light until it was almost at a forty-five degree angle and then both lights blinked out. The duration of this sighting was right at three minutes. This sighting is very much in line with the type of sightings that are often reported from Shoreline Park and Pensacola Beach area. No aircraft were observed in the sky at that time. A few minutes later a small commercial plane was seen coming from the Pensacola Airport on a south-westerly course and then about twenty minutes after that a high flying jet passed over the beach in a south-easterly direction. Everyone who witnessed this sighting was very excited and it was great that so many visitors were able to witness what our local skywatch group has become so familiar with seeing. Of course, due to the low elevation of this sighting, it would not have been visible had we been skywatching as usual at Shoreline Park.

There was talk of another sighting having occurred during the Conference, but I was unable to gain any firm information about it, or track down those who had witnessed it.

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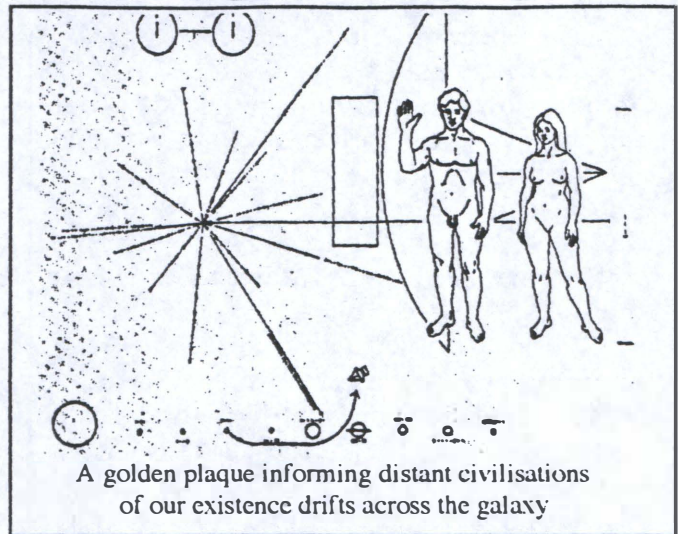
Comet Hale-Bopp will reach its climax in the first weeks of April which will be a Moonless period. Look high in the northwestern sky to observe Hale-Bopp passing the stars Gamma Andromeda and Beta Persei. A New Moon will be on April 7th and Full Moon on April 23rd.

You cannot miss Mars, a brilliant orange, gold beacon in the southeastern sky at night fall. Mercury is also visible low in the northwest at evening twilight. If you look just to the right of the new crescent Moon on April 9th you will see Mercury.

The other planet visible this month is Jupiter which shines in the southeastern sky before the first glow of dawn twilight. Do make every effort to observe Jupiter and experience the dawn chorus around 5am.

Comets have been passing or crashing into the Earth for billions of years. On June 30th 1908 a comet hit Siberia at Tunguska with the devastating power of billions of tons of TNT, flattening trees for hundreds of miles and producing a shock wave that was felt six hundred miles distant. Had this comet hit the Earth four hours earlier, it would have destroyed the city of Helsinki.

Light pollution has been a major problem for astronomers but now the Sun is also setting on radio astronomy. Modern societies have developed an insatiable appetite for rapid data exchange. Television, radio and telephones have squeezed the radio spectrum. If more bands are allocated for domestic use, the ability for radio telescopes to listen in on



the universe will end.

Clyde Tombaugh died earlier this year at the age of 91 years. Clyde discovered the planet Pluto in 1930. It is hard to believe that Pluto, a planet we all take for granted, was only discovered 67 years ago. A spacecraft will visit Pluto early next century. It is the only planet in our solar system not yet investigated by spacecraft.

The Pioneer 10 spacecraft, launched in 1972 will leave us forever, escaping not only the gravity of the Earth but also that of the Sun. Pioneer is now heading towards that vast, fluctuating, diaphanous edge of the solar domain where the solar wind is turned back by the raging interstellar medium. Pioneer is 10 billion miles from home and its transmissions take nine hours to reach Earth.

Pioneer will receive a command to shut down, its funding spent, a victim of budget cut backs. Pioneer will drift silently, arriving at the nearest star in 50 million years, while human generations come and go. A golden plaque will forever reveal that somewhere in the cosmos, a species lived and dreamed of reaching for the stars.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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Comet Hale-Bopp

General Comet Theory

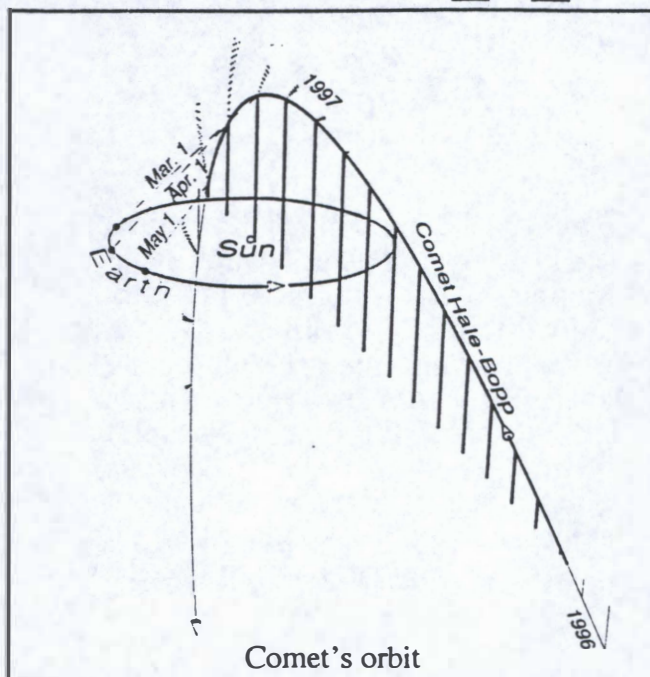
Comets originate from a region of space known as the Oort cloud, an enigma beyond the orbit of Pluto. It is the last outpost of the solar system, a no man's land where the Sun's gravitational influence ends and inter-stellar space begins.

Comets are no larger than a few miles across and can be distinguished from asteroids because when they pass within the orbit of Jupiter they appear fuzzy. As they get closer to the Sun, a tenuous tail develops as the Sun drives off some of their volatile gases and dust.

Comets are made from an icy, rocky material and if you can imagine a snow ball full of dirt and dust: this is a comet. The outer solar system is very cold (minus 270°C) and as the comet approaches the Sun, it warms up and the ice vigorously sublimates off its nucleus to produce a tail, usually several million miles long. As a comet continually passes the Sun (over billions of years) it loses mass and eventually the comet disintegrates.

It would be quite easy to deflect a comet (of which there are billions) from the Oort cloud. Stars passing within three light years of the Sun could gravitationally perturb the cloud and occasionally eject a comet from the cloud. Comet orbits are short period (elliptical) or long period (hyperbolic).

The Sun produces a wind or stream of gas consisting of ions and electrons that flows from the Sun and into the solar system. It is this wind that blows the evaporating comet, to produce a tail. The tail always faces away from the Sun and therefore changes direction as the comet orbits the Sun.



Hale-Bopp

After a 4,200 year odyssey through the deep freeze of the outer solar system, comet Hale-Bopp C/1995 01 is back. Hale-Bopp is the largest comet ever discovered and estimated to be 30 miles across (Halley's comet is 7 miles). It came closest to Earth on March 22nd, at around 120 million miles distance.

Hale-Bopp has proved to be a good naked eye object and a pair of binoculars really brings Hale-Bopp to life. The comet remains bright until April 11th when its tail will be tens of millions of miles long. The comet reaches its closest point to the Sun on April 10th when it will be travelling at 97,000 miles an hour.

By May, the great comet show will be over for us in the northern hemisphere. The comet becomes a summer object in the southern hemisphere, fading and shrinking as it rapidly recedes from the Sun. Hale-Bopp leaves us in 1998 and will not return for another 4,200 years.

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A few newspaper articles caught my eye during March which made me smile. I only hope that the people involved in these reports keep to their word, even though I don't expect the Governments to.

The first report came from The people on March 2nd, it read...MOON MAN BUZZ"S 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER'. Buzz Aldrin, the second man to set foot on the moon, admitted seeing UFOs according to a radio DJ.

Aldrin, now 66, who followed Neil Armstrong on the first Apollo landing, is said to have confessed to taking pictures of flying saucers. But details of the photographs were apparently hushed up by NASA chiefs - who were afraid they would cause panic.

London's Capital FM DJ Dr Fox told listeners that Aldrin made his admission to a close friend when he discussed the historic mission recently.

THE DAILY STAR: 10 MARCH 1997

President Clinton was given an astonishing Independents Day-style ultimatum last night - from scientists seeking proof of E.T. intelligence.

They urged the President to go public on a vast number of documented close encounters with aliens...or they would. The shock threat came from America's respected Committee For The Search For Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. Committee boss Dr Steven Greer said last night: "It's not our intention to cause instability".

They wanted to lessen the dangers caused by cover-ups over contact with aliens. "We are inviting President Clinton's assistance", he added.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH 3rd APRIL 1997

It is official. UFO's do not exist, aliens have never visited Earth and all flying saucer sightings are now referred by the military to private organisations, the American Defence Department said yesterday.

The announcement was prompted by the suicide of 39 members of the Heavens Gate cult in California.....

We cannot substantiate the existence of UFO's and we are not harbouring remains of UFO's, department spokesman Ken Bacon said. (I think he's telling porkies. AJ)

Convinced there was no E.T. threat, the Pentagon has long stopped recording of UFO sightings. Mr Bacon said.....

Of 12,618 reported sightings investigated by the USAF between 1947 and 1969, none "represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of our scientific knowledge. Mr Bacon said. (Shortened version of article).

Last but not least, Larry Warren and Peter Robbins book titled LEFT AT EAST GATE will be available from 23 May and will cost £15.99. It contains over 400 pages with photo's

Next EMUFORA meeting,

will take place on Sunday May 18th from 4pm until 6.30pm.

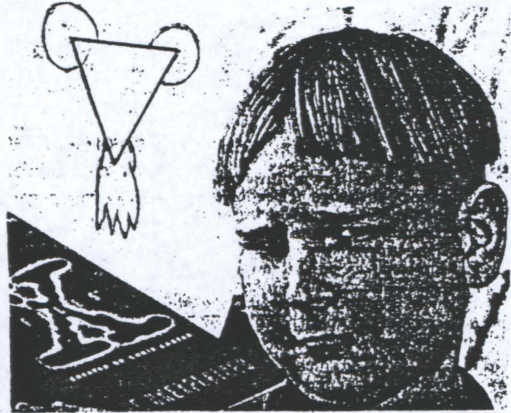
The meeting is held at the Old Basford Community Centre on David's Lane, Basford. The hall is situated behind The Horse and Jockey Pub on Davids Lane. Entrance fee is £1.50

TALE ENDERS

REG PRESLEY presents '**UFO Abductions & Implants: The Proof**' at the Cricklade Theatre, Andover on Friday 13th June 97. Presenting **Darrel Sims**, a true investigator of the abduction phenomenon for 27 years and has been involved in the removal of alien implants from 'abductees'. Also speaking, will be **Dr. Roger K. Leir** a Californian surgeon who has removed what may be actual Alien implants from two people brought to him by Derrel Sims. Tickets £8.00 7pm-11pm Tickets: Tel. 01264-365698.

EMUFORA guest speaker will be Mr Dominic Beglin (BUFORA investigator of the year 1996), who will speak on the investigation of the 'UFO Crash At Mansfield 1980'.

SCHOOLBOY SEES UFO OVER ROAD was the headline in the Shropshire Star on 10th March 97. An 11 year old Shropshire schoolboy described how a triangular-shaped UFO hovered in the skies above himself and a friend as they drove home and then suddenly vanished. Peter Scutt from Blackfriars, made a sketch of the flying object, spotted in the skies between Oswestry and Shrewsbury on the evening of 25th February 97. "It was really weird, there was this triangular UFO hovering above us. All of a sudden a massive flame shot out of the back." (*and it was gone*).



THE FIFE LANDING investigated by **David Colman (SUPR)** and reported in last months OVNI, drew a huge response from readers, with comments such as 'fantastic' and 'intriguing'. Will we ever uncover the whole story? Apparently the witnesses later became involved with psychic phenomenon at their homes.

PETER GREGORY, the psychic living in Lincolnshire has sent us several articles on his latest experiences. His o.o.b. venture and his meeting with a hybrid human/alien make fascinating reading and we hope to commence with the first story in next months OVNI.

BRETBY AGAIN! We are on the trail of yet another Bretby FT case, this one occurred over twenty years ago. A witness living in the area became aware of a figure by his bed one night and then vaguely remembers being taken up through the roof to a hovering triangular craft. We expect to print full details of the incident next month.

SHROPSHIRE ABDUCTIONS appear to be on the increase, according to the Shropshire Star recently. A woman claimed that Aliens visited her at her home at Ellesmere on December 15th last year, before abducting her. The mother of two first spotted lights outside her bedroom window and then saw the face of an Alien. "I saw flashing blue and red lights outside the window about 4am" said the witness. "*I tried to wake my husband, but I could not move or speak*". "I could see the Alien clearly, it had huge slanting eyes, a large head and it was wearing a silvery white helmet." (*report sent in by Mrs Christine Roberts, Craven Arms, Shropshire.*)

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING THIS MONTH. MEMBERS CAN MEET AT THE BRETBY SKYWATCH ON APRIL 30th!

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